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In re Application of **Ekkel et al.**   Atty. Docket No.: **US 00.0014**

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Title: **USING A WEB-ENABLED DEVICE TO PROGRAM AND CONFIGURE DEVICES WITH REMOTE SERVER DATA**

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Amendment/Reply After Final Office Action

Sir:

In response to the final Office action of 25 April 2003, please reconsider the application in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 2-8, 10-14, and 20-24 are pending in this application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 2-8, 10-14, and 20-24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Li et al. (USP 6,012,088, hereinafter Li) in view of Liebenow (USP 6,530,083). The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection

In independent claim 20, upon which claims 2-8, 10-14, and 21 depend, the Applicants claim a method wherein a user accesses a server over a network to enter a preference for configuration of a device regarding a processing and playout of multimedia content on a device. Specific examples include contacting a server to enter program selections for a recording device, such as a TIVO device, to record. Preferably, the server allows for an easier or more versatile means of controlling the multimedia playout device than the interface provided by the device itself.

Liebenow teaches a method of managing user preferences for multimedia devices, and particularly, for controlling the multimedia device based on the preferences of one or more users. Liebenow does not address creating the control information at a remote server to facilitate the use of an alternative user interface.

Li teaches a method of configuring an Internet access device that minimizes the tasks and required expertise of a user to configure the device for operation in the user's